

SPORTS NEWSY STORIES FROM THE BUSY ATHLETIC WORLD

WALTER JOHNSON RETURNS \$6,000 RECEIVED AS BONUS

"As Far as I Am Concerned the Incident Is Now Closed," Says the Washington Pitcher.

WILL REPORT TO GRIFFITH

New Park of New York Americans Will Be Patterned After the One at Chicago—Phil Powers, Old Ball Player, Passes Away.

COFFEYVILLE, KAN., December 23.—With money obtained from the sale of a herd of steers, Walter Johnson, Washington American star pitcher, today mailed a draft reimbursing Charles Wechman, president of the Chicago Federals, the bonus given Johnson when he signed a Federal contract. The draft was for \$6,000.

"As far as I am concerned, the incident which has proven an unpleasant one to me at least, is now closed," Johnson said.

"There is nothing more I can do. I shall report to the Washington club when the spring training season opens. If any complications arise they will have to be fought out between the two leagues or between the heads of the two clubs, Washington and Chicago. When I mailed that draft my responsibility ended."

CHICAGO, December 23.—Herman Schaefer, who recently was released by the Washington Americans, has been offered the management of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast League, it was announced today.

Schaefer also said he was considering an offer to join the New York Nationals as coach.

CHICAGO, December 23.—A new baseball park patterned after the home of the Chicago Americans and costing approximately \$425,000, exclusive of the site, will be built for the New York Americans, it was learned today.

B. B. Johnson, president of the league, said Jacob Ruppert, Jr. and T. L. Huston, prospective purchasers of the club, already had an option on the property. The park, it is planned, will seat 40,000 persons.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Phillip J. Powers, well-known to the earlier generations of baseball players and fans, with whom he was famous as "leatherstocking," died today at his home here, of pneumonia. He was sixty-two years old, and started his baseball career behind the bat for the New York Mutuals. Later he joined the Cincinnati Reds, and it was in 1876 that he won his nickname, through his positive refusal to wear a glove even when catching the speediest pitchers of the day. Later he became a national league umpire, but in 1892 obtained a city position which he had held to the present time.

Dick Rudolph, pitcher of the Boston Braves, agreed upon terms for a two-year contract with the champions. Rudolph surprised owner James E. Gaffney with a visit at the latter's office and the agreement was quickly reached. It is understood that Rudolph will receive a substantial increase in salary.

They all get the fever sometime or other. Charles Hickman, once notorious for his temper, once again lost his temper. He has written a letter to the Chicago Cubs, saying that effect and is now awaiting a reply.

Charles Smith, the old pitcher, has a warm spot in his heart for Brennan as a backstop. Charles says that Rajah is one of the foulest men that ever caught a pitcher's ball. He says that Smith says, are overrated, inasmuch as they work mechanically and are not "there" in a pinch.

Tabbit Marantville's professional dignity must be recovered in a hurry when he, demonstrating the hook slide on the stage, forgot to stop at the red line and ran over the orchestra, spraining a leg.

The latest double play in baseball, "Johnson to Feds to Griffith," only goes to prove that anything is possible in baseball these troublesome days.

Tearing up the contract, the player jawned and said: "Oh, well, it's only a piece of paper at that." Whereupon he jammed his pockets with advance coin.

Larry McLean admits that exercise is a great thing, but admits that he has never heard of a woman improving her style with a broom through playing golf.

Sport Spice Canister
"LET'S TALK IT OVER."

Information reached this office last night from New York that the Virginia League would release Richmond from the circuit for \$10,000. This can hardly be authentic, as President Boatwright has not been able to get in touch with the club owners of the circuit and ascertain their views. There should be nothing certain on the proposition until the league meets early next month, and all rumors must be taken with a grain of salt.

Walter Johnson has returned \$6,000 to Wechman, President of the Chicago Federals. The Chicago club is most interesting part of the transaction being coming when the draft reaches Chicago, and the fans all over the country are wondering if it will be accepted and cashed.

The prep school basketball championship contests which will be run off in the courts of the University of Virginia should feature a good sport, as there are a number of excellent quints throughout the State. It is hoped that several teams will represent Richmond, and get together boys and bring the honors to this city.

Yale basketball team with Young Taft and Garfield in the line-up, defeated the first team in two years in the Navy five. The youngsters beat the historic names were much in the spotlight and, according to reports, played an excellent game.

Many radical changes are proposed in the rules and regulations governing harness racing in the future. A number of suggestions are embodied in a report that will be acted upon at a meeting which will be held January 12, and should they be adopted, will materially aid the sport.

To-morrow at the Greco-American Club, a wrestling bout between Tom Adams and Jess Jordan will be featured. Fans desiring to witness a trial of strength and valence will likely enjoy a Christmas treat, as both gladiators are in condition to stand a hard battle.

"GUNBOAT" SMITH SURE IS A ROUGH GUY—TONE

NEW YORK, December 23.—"This 'Gunboat' Smith sure is a rough guy," said Referee Dan Fane, who had to stop the fight between Smith and Tom McCarty, heralded as a new "Montana cyclone" after it had taken a title away into the fourth round at the Empire Athletic Club to-night. It seems that the "Gunboat" was bombarding McCarty with broadsides and hitting him far too often and too hard. It is not possible to give the exact number of knockdowns scored by Smith, but they were plenty, and finally he almost refused to hit the Westerner any more. At that, it must be said for McCarty, he is a glutton for punishment, and was staggering toward Gunboat, asking to be knocked down again when the end came.

DEMAREST'S SUCCESS DUE TO JOHN R. DRAKE

Chicago Millionaire Takes Billiard Player Into His Office, Which Gives Time for Practice.

WINS 18.2 TITLE FROM SUTTON

Most Remarkable Contest on Record Staged at Madison Square Garden. Will Play Cline at St. Elmo Parlor January 7.

It was through the friendship of the late John R. Drake, the Chicago millionaire, that Calvin Demarest became a champion billiard player. This is of interest at this time because Demarest is a member of the recently organized Champion Billiard Players' League and is to appear in this city next month. He meets Harry Cline at the St. Elmo parlors.

Young Demarest had long been recognized in Chicago as a remarkable billiard player for one of his years, but he lacked that finish and skillful mastery by which champions are recognized and which only comes after a close application to the technique of the game and also after long and continuous practice.

Mr. Drake had often seen Demarest play and was among the first to recognize his unusual talent. In order to aid him in the development of his game Mr. Drake gave the young player a position in his brokerage office, where the increased pay and the short hours furnished Demarest with the opportunity to become a real champion.

Almost immediately after the youthful expert began to devote more time and study to the mastery of billiards he showed wonderful improvement and his strides towards the championship class were very rapid.

For a long time he confined his efforts to the amateur branch of the game and finally landed the amateur title of the world. This title he successfully defended for three years, playing under the colors of the Chicago Athletic Club.

After three years Demarest laid aside his amateur title and at the age of twenty-one entered the professional ranks. Shortly afterward he won the 18.2 championship from George Sutton. This contest was one of the most remarkable on record. It was held in the concert hall at Madison Square Garden, New York, and resulted in a three-cornered tie with Sutton, Harry Cline and Demarest, each scoring the same number of points. In the first leg of the play-off Sutton defeated Cline, and then Demarest defeated Sutton. This last leg is still known as the fastest game on record. The score was 539 to 72 and Demarest's average was 32.

Demarest has always given full credit to the kind interest of John R. Drake, without which he is certain that his billiard honors would have been long delayed if ever realized.

CATTON MAKES A GOOD START IN BILLIARD LEAGUE

Takes Morningstar's Place and Is Paired With Yammie, Whom He Defeats.

At the time Ora Morningstar was compelled to resign from the Champion Billiard Players' League on account of illness of his wife, the billiard fans all over the country commenced to discuss the possibilities of the twenty-two-year-old Rock Island youth, Marcus Catton, who at that time was utility man for the league.

The Rock Island youngster was teamed with the champion, who had been hopelessly beaten by making phenomenal hair-raising finishes and defeating his opponents by small margins.

He began playing at the age of ten in Rock Island, where his father owned a billiard parlor, and under the careful tuition of his father, he developed into one of the most promising players of championship caliber.

Catton was born in Paris, France, at which time his father was playing in one of the large academies with Frank Ives and Jake Schaefer. Five years later his father returned to America and located in Rock Island. He had opened a large billiard academy, where his son Marcus learned the game.

CHAMPION BILLIARD PLAYERS' LEAGUE

Standing of Players.	W.	L.	P. C.	Grand
Sutton	50	18	787	17
Demarest	49	25	632	15
Cline	49	24	625	15
Catton	7	5	583	12
Yammie	29	37	429	12
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Schaefer	17	50	254	12
Cochran	12	51	190	12

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

Dowagiac, Mich.	300	198
Chicago, Ill.	291	181
Milwaukee, Wis.	214	300
Appleton, Wis.	174	300
Green Bay, Wis.	258	300
Madison, Wis.	258	300
Schaefer, Catton	300	300
Detroit, Mich.	300	240
Ann Arbor, Mich.	240	300
Jackson, Mich.	247	300
Daville, Ill.	300	224
Jacksonville, Ill.	300	224
Hannibal, Mo.	191	300
Demarest, Cline	265	300
Toledo, O.	269	300
Ashland, O.	269	300
Wheeling, W. Va.	300	191
Altoona, Pa.	300	224
Trenton, N. J.	300	224
Sutton, Cochran	300	224
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	300	224
Buffalo, N. Y.	300	224
Newark, N. Y.	271	300
Utica, N. Y.	300	190

HARVARD HAS WINNING YEAR IN ATHLETICS

Winning teams are doing Harvard some good in athletics, if figures can be taken as satisfactory proof. This year Harvard reached a new record in the past year 1,324 students took part in athletics of some sort or other. The only sports that showed a falling off were track and lacrosse. As usual, the detailed statistics for the sports in their order follow:

Houghton, 40; freshman, 82; Haughton, 47; freshman and inter-dormitory, 126; interclass, 51; Rowing—University, 37; freshman, 89; Club, 21; singles, 12; interclass, 32.

Track—University, 90; freshman, 88; Tennis—University championship in-class teams, 147; interclass, 12; Soccer—University, 46; freshman, 22; inter-dormitory, 12; Basketball—University, 29; freshman, 29.

Hockey—University, 79; freshman, 72; interclass, 169; university attend-lacrosse—Scrub, series, 39; Fencing—University, team, 24; Wrestling—University, team, 18.

Brown to Play U. of Va. The Brown baseball scheduled today includes one game with the University of Virginia at Providence on April 26.

Son and Grandson of Former Presidents on This Team



Yale Basketball Team. © UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD N. Y.

Yale's basketball team easily defeated the team from the Brooklyn "Poly" in the annual clash that took place in the City of Churches and grandson, respectively, of former United States Presidents. Both young men attracted as much attention by their playing as they did by having their names linked with such celebrated forebears.

Standing, left to right—Steve Kinney, Rhett, Werner and Arnold. After the game, the victorious players were wined and dined by one of the Yale clubs at the hotel Vanderbilt.

KID WILLIAMS CORRECTS MISLEADING STATEMENTS

Bantamweight Champion Denies New Orleans Promoter Offered Purse for Bout With Burns.

WANTS TO MEET KILBANE

Baltimore Scrapper Unable to Find Suitable Contenders in His Class, and Is Willing to Take a Chance in Higher Division.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Kid Williams, the bantam champion, is anxious to correct numerous misleading statements regarding him that have been put in circulation recently. He is the first place, the Baltimore midweight wants it understood that he has not outgrown the bantamweight division, although he is willing to tackle Johnny Kilbane at 122 pounds.

Williams declares that while it is true that he does not always make the minor affairs, he is ready to get down to 116 pounds whenever a worthy challenger for his title looms up.

Williams is particularly incensed over the story sent out by Frankie Burns to the effect that Williams offered \$5,000 by promoter Tortorich to meet Burns at New Orleans, but turned down and demanded \$8,000. He declares that in reality he received no offer whatever from New Orleans, but would be glad to consider one if Burns can induce the promoter to make a bid.

The fact that Tortorich would not guarantee Gibbons and Chubby more than \$5,000 each for the middleweight championship match, indicates that Williams is telling the truth. Naturally the big men are worth a great deal more than the bantams, who seldom attract more than \$5,000, even when the title is at stake. Recently, when Burns met Pete Hermann, a favorite in New Orleans, the bout drew something like \$1,200. On that show it would take a reckless promoter to offer Williams \$5,000 for his end alone.

Kilbane Stands Fast. Tiger. As a matter of fact, Williams dominates his class so completely that there is little chance for him to obtain a purse of any great size unless he enters the class above. Despite his assertions to the contrary, it is doubtful whether Williams can do himself justice at 116 pounds. But scaling around 120, he should make a good opponent for Kilbane, provided the latter weighed in at the featherweight limit. To all appearances, Kilbane has no intention of making a change of division for an encounter under these conditions. In a twenty-round battle, Williams, with his heavy body blows, figures to have more than an outside chance. Taking needless risks is not part of the Kilbane program, however; so this probably is one match that will not go through.

Nationals Beat Americans. FRESNO, CAL., December 23.—The All-Nationals defeated the All-Americans here today, 6 to 2.

Score: R. H. E. Americans..... 2 10 6 Nationals..... 6 2 2 Batteries: Cole and Henry; Tesreau and Clark.

Train Kills William Short. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WISE, VA., December 23.—William Short, aged twenty-two years, was struck by an interstate train at Glanmorgan, near here, and fatally injured. He was taken to the hospital at Norton, where he died. He was unmarried.

YALE BASKETBALL TEAM WINS FROM NAVY QUINT

Arnold and Taft Play Brilliant Game and Aid in Defeating Naval Academy Stars by Score of 22 to 14.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., December 23.—In winning from the Naval Academy by 22 to 14 here this afternoon, Yale administered the first defeat the midshipmen have sustained at basketball for two years.

Smith and Adams, the Navy's first forwards, were well covered by Arnold and Taft, and Yale emphasized their defensive game successfully. Arnold's goal from past the centre of the court in the last half was the feature.

STALLINGS TO PREPARE SOUTH ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

SAVANNAH, GA., December 23. Geo. Stallings, manager of the world champion Boston National League Club, has been selected to prepare the schedule for the 1915 playing season of the South Atlantic League. President Cornish announced here to-night.

Will Bowl at Omaha. Omaha has been awarded the 1915 bowling championships of the Mid-west Association. The Western championships will be held in San Francisco next year.

The 1915 American Congress is slated for Peoria, while the Nations Association, the Eastern classic, will probably be run off in New York City.

CHANGES EMBODIED IN HARNESS RACE REPORT

Proposed That Stewards Have Charge of Judges' Stand and Appoint a Starter.

NO TRIFLING WITH RECORDS

Entries to Be Limited to Not More Than Two Horses From an Actual Owner—Suggestions Will Be Acted On at Meeting January 12.

CLEVELAND, December 23.—Several marked changes in the racing rules for conducting light harness racing are embodied in the report of the rules committee that will be submitted to the stewards of the circuit in Detroit January 12. It is proposed that the Grand Circuit shall have charge of the judges' stand. It is also proposed that the stewards shall appoint a starter and judges for the circuit, and the expense of the same shall be assessed pro rata upon the members who are assigned dates at the annual meeting.

Other recommendations are: "To eliminate all trifling with the present race record rule, the racing associations amend the win race record rule so as to give the judges of a race the power to inflict an eligibility record on a horse which wins a heat, but does not win the race, providing the judges believe that the driver intentionally lost the race.

Entries to all races will be limited to not more than two horses from an actual owner or from an authorized agent.

"In all early closing events horses must have a win race record which makes said horse eligible to the event, and no horse shall be eligible to start a nonwinning race record (heat record) faster than the record defined by the rules of the said early closing event.

"One horse may be named in two races during the same week for a total of 7 per cent, but must pay full 5 per cent for every start. Racing conditions must specify if two or more horses from the same stable shall be allowed to start in the same race.

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PREP BASKETBALL TEAMS ARE TO BATTLE FOR TITLE

Virginia High School Literary and Athletic League to Stage Contests at Charlottesville.

WILL START IN FEBRUARY

Transportation Expenses to Be Paid by General Association—Purpose Is to Encourage Clean Sport Among Bona-Fide Students.

A State contest in basketball for secondary schools will be featured at the University of Virginia. The contest and championship, will be under the auspices of the Virginia High School Literary and Athletic League, and promised to be one of the best winter athletic events of the year in the Old Dominion.

Many of the prep schools of the State have pledged their hearty support which speaks well for a full schedule. The complete list of regulations to cover the contest follows:

1.—The contest is open to any secondary school in Virginia whether public or private.

2.—Any secondary school, which shall have defeated prior to February 7, as many as four other secondary schools of equal rank and standing, and located in the State of Virginia, will qualify to enter the State contest provided the principal by February 8 give the secretary notice of the desire of his school to enter said contest.

3.—It is not the purpose of the committee to prevent the playing of any games a school may desire. Yet only games with other secondary schools within the State will determine eligibility to the State contest.

4.—Each member of a team must be a bona fide regular student less than twenty-one years of age, and must have been in regular attendance at the school he represents for at least sixty days before the game in which he plays, and shall have made passing grades on a majority of his subjects in the month of the report issued last before the game. Furthermore no student, who receives any financial inducement or concession of any kind to attend a school on account of his athletic service, may take part in the contest.

5.—The principal of each school entering the contest shall, on or before February 8, send to the secretary a complete record card of the games played with other secondary schools in Virginia, and also a record of the individual players therein. Blanks will be furnished for this purpose.

6.—The committee reserves the right to review the records of all games and players. The purpose of this is to encourage clean athletics and to prevent the playing of coaches, teachers, professionals, etc.

7.—Not later than February 9 the committee will arrange a schedule of preliminary games in order to select two teams that shall come to the university for the final contest.

8.—All transportation expenses of the two teams coming to the university will be paid by the General Athletic Association, and entertainment will be provided for the players while at the university. However, if either of these teams including escorts, managers, etc., is composed of more than seven persons, the transportation expenses of the additional members must be borne by the school that the team represents.

9.—All correspondence should be addressed to the secretary of the Virginia High School Literary and Athletic League, University, Va.

PROF. CHAS. G. MAPHIS, Chairman.
G. F. THORNHILL, Jr., Chairman.

Eighty-Eight Dismissed. NEW YORK, December 23.—Eighty-eight persons, who were indicted in 1908 and 1909, during the anti-trust crusade of the first Hughes administration, had the indictments quashed today as a Christmas present from Judge Dyke in Brooklyn.

The dismissal of the indictments followed a failure to convict in the first of the cases brought to trial, that of Emanuel Diamond, charged with book-making.

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